

modern, progressive, busy outside world. These South Americans are even more backward and undeveloped than the Indians of North America. Their condition is more like that of the rustic mountaineers and undeveloped country people of the Philippine Islands. They have only partially adopted civilized customs and ways of living, and practice a few of the perverted outward observances of the Roman Catholic Church. I have visited communities that had not even seen a Catholic priest for seven years; I have seen many whose social customs and habits were most primitive, among whom there was scarcely anything like a marriage ceremony or an idea of the family. In the warm climate of the tropics, clothing was reduced to the minimum, if not altogether dispensed with. A section of the Government Commission now at work in behalf of the Indians reported a few days ago to have visited in the State of Maranhao a community of which it is said: "The community, composed of ex-slaves, is hostile." The writer of the report says further: "I sought with gentleness and kindness to prove to them the benefits we were bringing. They received me with manifest antipathy, but we became good friends." There are many such communities scattered throughout the country.

If we estimate that 8,000,000 are living in this backward and but partially civilized state and that there are not less than 5,000,000 of Indians still in the wild state, and there may be more, we have at least 13,000,000 of souls in the unoccupied field of South America who must have consideration in an effort to carry the gospel to all the non-Christian world. *Missionary Review of the World.*

Books

Blue Bird Songs of Hope and Joy is the title of a small volume of poems by William Laurie Hill and Rev. Halbert G. Hill, D. D. The writers are brothers and are widely known, not only in North Carolina, their State, but all through the South. Mr. William Laurie Hill has been a writer and editor, prominent for many years, whose writings have been well known to many of our readers. Dr. Halbert G. Hill is the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Maxton, N. C., and has been effectively preaching the gospel for more than fifty years. Notwithstanding the fact that both of these brothers are well advanced in years, their hearts are young and fresh and tender, as is shown wonderfully in these poems. They run the whole gamut of human feelings. They take us out into field and forest that we may hear the birds make mu-

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CURTIS MAGAZINES.

Mrs. E. J. Young, Bartow, Fla., wife of a crippled Presbyterian minister, solicits new subscriptions and renewals to *The Ladies' Home Journal* (monthly, \$1.50), *The Saturday Evening Post* (weekly, \$1.50), and *The Country Gentleman* (weekly, \$1.00). State if renewal or new subscription. Personal checks received.

sic in the air. Through all the seasons and all conditions of weather we are carried, and in each we are brought very close to nature. And then there are the songs of "Heart and Home," which touch the tender chords of the heart and awaken its innermost emotions. There are also poems that come forth from the depths of the soul and deal with the spiritual verities, leading the reader nearer to God. Specimens of dialect, wit and humor brighten these pages, of which there is not a dull one. It is sincerely to be hoped that the Hill brothers have or will write enough more such poems to fill another volume, and that they will soon give it to the public. This book is published by Richard G. Baker, The Gorham Press, Boston, Mass. The price is \$1.50.

The Treatment of the Armenians. This is a volume of 684 pages of documentary evidence as to the treatment of the Armenians by the Turks. These documents have been collected with care and much labor by Viscount Bryce, formerly Ambassador from England to the United States, and presented by him to Viscount Grey, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs for England. These documents are largely the testimony of eye witnesses who have written of what they have seen of the horrors of Turkey's campaign of extermination of the Armenians. The writers are of many nationalities, including government officials, missionaries, business men, Red Cross nurses, and travelers, who have been on the scene and in the midst of savage brutality which has been poured out in unstinted measure upon these unoffending people, whose only offense was that they were Christians. In the minds of some there has been the question raised as to whether the statements in regard to Turkish cruelty and outrage had not been exaggerated. The reader of this volume will have doubts all removed, and in their place will come a loathing disgust for the Turks and a heartfelt sympathy for the Armenians, who are still left to endure the barbaric tortures to which men, women and children are subjected. More than 1,000,000 of them have been murdered or driven to death by fatigue and starvation and exposure, as they have been torn from their homes and forced to drag themselves over weary miles of desert roads, without enough food and water in many cases to keep them alive. Hundreds of thousands more are still enduring this same treatment, and there seems to be no relief in sight as long as the war continues. Almost the only supplies of food and clothing reaching these wretched suffering people are sent them from this country. But only a very small part has been done of what is needed, if the lives of these people are to be saved. The American publishers of this book are G. P. Putnam's Sons, New York.

Marriages

Alexander-Freeman: In the manse at Menlo, Ga., December 28, 1916, by Rev. Charles R. Bailey, pastor of the contracting parties, Mr. Roy Alexander and Miss Mary Freeman, all of Menlo, Ga.

Bedinger-Noell: In the First Presbyterian church, Roanoke, Va., December 27, 1916, by Revs. W. C. Campbell, D. D., and B. F. Bedinger, father of the groom, Mr. William Rutherford Bedinger, of Abingdon, Va., and Miss Ann Elizabeth Noell, of Roanoke, Va.

Dillard-Russell: Mr. T. W. Dillard and Mrs. Mattie Russell, both of

Handley, Texas, were married by Rev. John E. McLean at the residence of the minister in Fort Worth, Texas, November 22, 1916.

Graham-Taylor: At the manse, Lexington, Va., December 20, 1916, by Rev. A. T. Graham, D. D., father of the bride, Miss Fanny Bland Graham and Rev. H. Kerr Taylor, of Maysville, Ky.

Heriot-Morrison: At the Hebron-Hephzibah manse, in Lee county, S. C., November 30, 1916, by Rev. R. C. Morrison, the bride's father, Mr. Joseph C. Heriot and Miss Alice Grey Morrison.

Jackson-Barnes: At Missionary Ridge, Chattanooga, Tenn., December 20, 1916, Dr. John D. Jackson, of Kansas City, Mo., and Miss Irene Jackson Barnes, Rev. J. Waller Cobb officiating.

Jones-Clay: At the residence of the bride's parents, Brookneal, Va., December 26, 1916, by the Rev. B. F. Bedinger, Mr. S. Bruce Jones, of Galax, Va., and Miss Ruth Jane Clay, of Brookneal.

McMillan-Gooding: In the Harmony Presbyterian church, at Crockettville, S. C., December 14, 1916, by the Rev. N. Keff Smith, D. D., Mr. Thomas S. McMillan and Miss Clara Eloise Gooding, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Gooding.

Rembert-Fraser: On November 30, 1916, at the house of Mr. L. L. Fraser, the bride's father, Mr. D. G. Rembert and Miss Laura Fraser, by Rev. R. C. Morrison.

Wilder-Fleming: Mr. Robert S. Wilder and Miss Luna Fleming were married December 24, 1916, by Rev. H. M. Jenkins at the home of the minister, Meridian, Miss.

Deaths

Hagemeyer: Mr. J. W. Hagemeyer, of Meridian, Miss., died at his home December 13, 1916. He was a native of Kentucky. He leaves a widow and six children. He served as an elder in the Fourth Presbyterian church. He was a thirty-third degree Mason. A good man has gone from us.

Simmons: Mr. R. T. M. Simmons died at his home in Meridian, Miss., December 10, 1916. He was over 80 years of age. He leaves a widow and twelve living children. Mr. Simmons was a good soldier, an efficient public official, and a devoted husband and father. He was a man of sterling character.

MAJOR RICHARD VENABLE GAINES.

This prominent and honorable gentleman departed this life from his home, "Do-Well," in Charlotte county, Va., on October 31, 1916, in the last half of his eighty-sixth year.

He was the son of Richard Jennings and Martha Venable Gaines, of "Wardsfork," in Charlotte county, and remained a citizen of this county throughout his long life.

He was first married to Miss Jane Virginia, a daughter of Captain William M. Watkins, of "Do-Well." His second wife, Mrs. Margaret W. Gaines, is vividly remembered as a most noble Christian lady of exalted gifts and character. In unselfish, loving service of her family and friends, of the Church, and her Lord, she unstintedly spent and was spent. She left her earthly home October 30, 1896. Just twenty years later, her husband was called to join her in the blest eternal home. Major Gaines, living among a people noted for high spirit, intelligence and culture, was accounted one of their leading men.

In form, features and carriage of his body he was a splendid specimen of physical manhood. He was quick and graceful in movement, urbane in manner, and courtly in bearing; he was truly polite and unfailingly courteous. In a word, he was an ideal Christian gentleman, of the true old Virginia type, so "to the manor born," as well as by high culture. He was an alumnus of the University of Virginia, class 1850. A severe illness cut short his course in Harvard University, where he went to pursue graduate work in science under the great Louis Agassiz.

A close student, he always had under research some subject of importance. Of the truth he was a diligent seeker and an ardent adherent. His philosophic mind led him to compare one period of history with another, to note analogies between the past and present, and to trace results back to their real, though remote, causes. He had a prophetic outlook, and was ahead of his times in the reforms and improvements which he tried to promote, and to which he gave the most unselfish labor.

As a citizen and patriot, Major Gaines will long be gratefully remembered. As a soldier of the Confederacy and as a helper in rebuilding the demolished South, fully and well did he act his part. After the war, with the high public spirit that ever characterized him, he gave his best energies to solving the civil and industrial problems of that trying period. As one of the best means to this end, he wisely sought the restoration of the foundation of all prosperity—namely, agriculture—and became essentially a scientific and practical farmer. Writing of Major Gaines, a distinguished citizen said: "Few men are more widely known in Virginia than he. For many years he has been recognized as one of the most intelligent and progressive farmers in the tobacco region. He is a man of rare and varied attainments, and has probably devoted more time to the literature of agriculture than any other man in the State." Ever loyal and efficient in his public and personal relations and duties, he was no less so in his private and personal relations. His family, and the friends that knew him best, admired and loved him most. The soul of chivalry, and with a heart as wealthy as his mind, this knightly gentleman was an ideal host. His home was the abode of all that is best and sweetest, of everything that ministers to the comfort of the body, and to the delight of the mind and spirit.

Of course such a character and life could have a foundation only in true religion. Major Gaines was, above all, an humble, loyal servant of the Lord Christ Jesus. He was a worthy elder in the Presbyterian Church. He loved the Church and took great interest in all her work. The cause of the evangelization of the negro had his special sympathy, and in the days of his retirement he longed to be able to preach to them. He maintained religion in the home and held family worship to the last. During his failing years he prayed much, and studied his Bible constantly, and had deeper and deeper faith in salvation through Christ.

In 1912 he suffered sunstroke, and from that time his powers of body and mind steadily declined. Tenderly ministered to by his devoted family, he gradually sank, and gently and peacefully passed away.

Having served long and well his own generation, "he fell on sleep" and entered into the joy of his Lord.

This memorial is sincerely offered as a tribute of appreciation and affection by his old friend and former longtime pastor. W. McC. Miller.